



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: William F. Sherry, A.A.E.

SUBJECT: Airport Public Safety
Staffing Comparisons

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Approved /s/ Date 05/30/06

This memo provides additional information on the Transportation & Aviation Business Plan, in response to questions raised during the City Council Operating Budget Study Session on May 10, 2006. In particular, a question was asked pertaining to the level of staffing for the Public Safety Department (Police and Fire) at the Airport, and how staffing levels compare with the industry standards at other airports.

In January 2006, Airport staff initiated a benchmarking effort utilizing data and database information available through the Airports Council International (ACI). The mission of ACI is to advocate policies and provide services that strengthen the ability of air carrier airports to serve their passengers, customers and communities.

The purpose of this initial benchmark study was to begin comparing our operating costs with other airports. One of the key benchmarks is the cost of Public Safety operations (Police, Fire and contracted security services), determined using three key measurements: a percentage of total airport operating costs, cost per enplanement and cost per aircraft operation for fiscal year 2003-2004. The average results for these key measurements indicate that our Airport Public Safety operating costs are close to the median range when compared to other airports. Since the majority of these costs are for police and fire staffing, it appears our Airport Public Safety Division staffing levels are comparable with other airports. The study results were received in late April, and staff is still in the process of reviewing the benchmark data and measurements in more detail, to confirm that comparisons to other airports are complete and accurate.

We are currently updating our benchmarking data to include fiscal year 2004-2005 and will continue our evaluation of the key benchmark measurements including our Public Safety costs, staffing and performance indicators.

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